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CARBURETOR CO. IS INCORPORATED

Western Carburetor Co. has
Been Incorporated for
\$100,000.00.

WILL START WORK AT ONCE

Contract Let for Factory Build-
ings Which Are to be Fin-
ished in 60 Days' Time.

The 1917 growth of the city of Alma is starting off very well with the erection of the new carburetor factory in the northwest portion of the city.

The contract for the buildings has been let to Henry Soule of this city and work was started this week on the structures. The buildings are to be completed within the next sixty days and are to cost \$16,000. Officers of the company are in Chicago, Illinois, buying equipment and supplies for thirty days' delivery, that there may be no cause for delay in commencing operations as soon as the buildings are ready.

The final organization of the company was brought about to the entire satisfaction of all Alma stockholders and Messrs. C. O. Ward, George J. Sandel and C. M. Johnson were elected as majority members of the board of directors.

The out of town stockholders and members of the board are very enthusiastic over the reception accorded them by the city of Alma and the board of trade, and much credit is due to Messrs. Brewer and Udelle, who donated six acres of ground lying north of the Pere Marquette and west of the Ann Arbor tracks to the board of trade, for use in securing this industry for Alma.

Mr. Reemtsma, the organizer, who was directly responsible for Alma's opportunity to secure this factory, says that the stock sale is very satisfactory, but that he still has a little of both common and preferred stock, which will go to the early applicants. When asked as to the profits in the carburetor business he made the statement that as long as internal combustion engines are used the carburetors will be needed and that there are no carburetor factories that are not running full time, but the most important item is that there's no other successful kerosene carburetor made, and the demand for the "Western" is now great enough to justify an advance in the price of stock at any time. Arrangements are being made to employ one hundred people as soon as they can be gotten together. If possible, they will start with this number.

The secretary of state at Lansing advises that incorporation of the Western Carburetor Company of Alma has been authorized, every requirement of Michigan "Blue Sky Law" has been complied with and stockholders are assured a square deal by this law.

GETS THE MAN

Hogs Get Another Man in Wrong
When He Receives Money.

Will Wheeler, alias W. J. Wiley, alias William Lewis, alias George Williams is lodging in the county jail facing a charge of petty larceny, after having had a merry time at the expense of several Gratiot people for a time, it is said.

Wheeler was arrested after he had sold some hogs and received \$5.00 as part payment on them. In the county jail he was told that if he would come across with everything he might be able to get through with a charge of petty larceny. He told of the various things that he had done in Gratiot, but nothing that exceeded twenty-five dollars came out, so that only petty larceny could be charged against him. He owned up to taking two bags of beans from Eli Beck of Newark township and selling them for \$13.00 to the Alma Roller Mills. He bought a coat at Ithaca of Mr. Coleman; it cost \$25.00 and time payment was secured, then the coat was sold at Carson City for 10.00. Two bags of clover seed taken from Frank Altenburg of Newark township were sold at Carson City for \$24.00. Forged a note on John Iutzi for \$85.00 and endeavored to pass it at one of the Ithaca banks, under the name of George Williams, but couldn't pass it. He came to Gratiot county about six weeks ago from Lansing. The sheriff and his department have been after him for some time.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Gratiot and Clinton Mutual Fire Insurance company was held at St. Johns on January 9th, at which time the old officers of the company were re-elected. At the election of the directors both C. S. Betts and W. C. Mallory of Gratiot were re-elected by a unanimous vote. Mr. Mallory has been a member of the board of directors for twenty years and has been re-elected for his eleventh term.

The company is now carrying about \$20,000,000 insurance and this is exceeded by only one county mutual insurance company in the state.

WRIGHT WINS

Detroit Will Represent Alma in
Oratorical.

Thomas W. Wright of Detroit, a new student at Alma college this year, carried off the first place honors in the local oratorical contest at Alma college. As a result of his victory over six other contestants, he will represent Alma college at the Michigan intercollegiate oratorical contest to be held in March.

Eddie Johnston, Alma's famed athlete, carried off second with the oration, "War and the Trend of Public Opinion." Stanley Warner received third honors with the oration, "A Whole Sphere."

Wright's oration, "The Delay of the Law," points out the delay in the punishment that comes to the wrong doer. An example of one man in prison for twenty-one months before being convicted, was furnished, as were other glowing examples of delay. He made a plea for laws that would enable a speedy justice, but one that would be just, while speedy.

Wright has a fine oration. He has a good personality and with the time that he still has to work his oration into the best shape before the state contest, should be able to place high in the contest for Alma college.

ADRIAN WAS HUMOLED

IN HARD FOUGHT GAME

Alma College Five Pulled First
Game From the Fire in
Last Couple Minutes.

The Adrian college basketball team, doped as one of the strongest quintets in the state college ranks this year, gave the Maroon and Cream team a terrific battle in the high school gymnasium last Friday evening, and it was not until the final two minutes that Alma finally secured a one point lead that brought in the opening game of the Michigan intercollegiate basketball season.

The victory for the Alma team stamps the local five as one of the best college teams in the state, and one that will be a big contender for the titular honors for the 1917 basketball season. And had only a few days' practice before the encounter with Adrian, owing to the holiday vacation, and the five were in far from good working order. The men were not in good condition and the teamwork of the locals somewhat crude, and it was only a strong determination to win, coupled with the old-time Alma fighting spirit that brought Alma to the front. The game, however, showed great possibilities—once Alma gets plenty of practice, conditioning and the coaching that Helmer will be able to give his men.

Adrian took the lead at the start of the game, and while Alma tied the count once, early in the first half, Adrian could not be shoved behind until the closing moments of the game. During the latter part of the first half, the visitors gradually increased their lead to five points, the score being 14 to 9 for Adrian when the half closed. Teahout, twice carried the ball down the floor, caught the Alma guards off their guard, and shot field baskets that enabled the visitors to assume their lead.

When the half ended, it seemed to the fans that the result could be nothing but an Adrian victory, as the visitors had been showing superior in every department during the fore part of the game.

Between halves, Coach Helmer shifted his men around, and sent Hoolihan into the game. With the second half Alma looked like a different team. It was as scrappy an aggregation as ever went onto a basketball court for Alma, and slowly, but none the less, surely, Alma pulled down the lead of the highly touted Adrian college five.

Gallagher shot a field basket, and then added a couple points more with fouls. Hoolihan shot a basket from near the center of the floor, putting Alma within striking distance of the visitors, and the fans went crazy with joy. Adrian added a couple of field baskets and pulled away slightly, but Gallagher came back with three more fouls, and Smith added a field basket, putting Alma one point in the lead. Grimm of Adrian made one last effort and connected for a basket, but Hoolihan again put Alma in the lead with a long field basket, and as the game was practically over, the visitors could not score again.

The work of Gallagher, Hoolihan and Smith was exceptionally good, and responsible for the Alma victory. Especially is this true of Gallagher, who scored 11 of Alma's 24 points.

Line-up and summary:
Alma—24. Pos. Adrian—28.
Gallagher, 10; Smith, 8; Beck, 3; Johnston, 3; Grimm, 3; A. Foote, 1; Johnston, 1; Hoolihan, 1; Hoolihan, 1; R. G. Little, 1.

Field baskets—Teahout, 3; Grimm, 2; Beck, 2; Hoolihan, 2; Johnston, 2; Smith, 2; Hoolihan, 2; Johnston, 2.

Fouls—Teahout, 5 out of 11; Richards, 3 out of 5; Gallagher, 5 out of 8.

Referee—Nevitt, Mt. Pleasant.

Timer and scorer—Dunham.

Postmaster and Mrs. V. P. Cash are visiting in Grand Rapids today.

NEW BUILDINGS TO BE ERECTED

Will Be Constructed on Site
of The Old Edwards
Hotel.

HAVE ROOM FOR FIVE STORES

Merchants' Building Company
and I. O. O. F. Lodge Will
Be the Builders.

The Alma Record has gained information which is to the effect that at least five new stores will be constructed in the city of Alma this coming summer, four of these will be in one block to be constructed by the Merchants' Building company and the other will be erected by the I. O. O. F. lodge.

The location of the proposed new buildings is on South State street, where the old Edwards hotel stood for years. The Merchants' building company owns a site at this point that has a frontage of 85 feet, and the I. O. O. F. lodge owns a frontage of 18 feet. Both pieces of property run back 90 feet from the street.

No contracts have been let for the buildings, but it is expected that the contracts will be let within the next two weeks at the latest. A few minor details remain to be worked out before the contract for the Merchants' Building company is ready to let the contract for its building, which will be 85 by 90 feet. It is expected that the same party which gets the contract for this building will get the contract for the I. O. O. F. lodge building, which will be just to the south and which will be 18 by 90 feet.

The Merchants' Building company building will be two stories in height, 85 by 90 feet, and of brick and stone construction. The first floor will be divided into four stores. Just what the second floor will be used for, has not yet been decided. It may be left as a large hall, and again may be divided up into rooms.

It is expected that the building to be erected by the I. O. O. F. lodge will be the same construction as the other structure, and that it will also be two stories in height. One store will be located on the first floor of this block. The work on the construction of these buildings will be started as soon as spring sets in, so that it may go forward rapidly, once it is started.

ROSE ON FOUR

Gratiot Representative Appointed on
That Number of Committees.

Representative Harry Rose of Gratiot county has been appointed on four house committees, these being drainage, Newberry hospital, state affairs and state normal school committees.

Rose, being a new comer to the house, naturally did not pull out all his cards, but certainly has received a good honor in being named on four important committees.

The governor has made the following appointments, which will be of interest to Alma people: The Hon. William Smith of St. Johns has been appointed on the Industrial Accident Board, and Fred L. Woodworth on the Dairy and Food Commission, Addison A. Keiser of Ludington has been appointed railroad commissioner.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have engaged S. E. Gardner, M.D., of Mt. Pleasant, who for many years has been making a specialty of diseases of the eye and of refraction work, to spend the second and the fourth Mondays of each month in the hospital, where I shall be glad to have my friends see him when in need of his services.

(75-1) J. N. BRAINERD, M. D.

STILL THEY COME

Standard Oil Company Will Have
Distributing Plant Here.

A. S. Bearfield, a representative of the Standard Oil company, was in Alma the first of the week, and while here told a representative of the Alma Record that the Standard Oil company would locate a distributing branch house in Alma.

Work on a distributing house will be started at once on the company's ground at the foot of Lincoln avenue. A building 100 by 75 feet will be erected. When this is completed Alma will be the distributing point for all of central Michigan for the big oil company.

Charles Plowman will continue in charge here and will have charge of the distribution. It is expected that he will have ten or a dozen men under his charge at the distributing station here.

BOTH OF THE ALMA BANKS HOLD MEETINGS

Hold Annual Meetings and Elect
Same Directors That Served
Last Year.

Both of the banks of the city held their annual stockholders' meetings this week, at which time directors were elected for the coming year.

With a large majority of the stock of the Alma State Savings bank represented, the annual meeting of the institution was held on Tuesday evening of this week.

The reports which were gone into showed that the bank has enjoyed the best year in its history, a year of progress that is in keeping with the rapid growth of the city of Alma.

The same directors that held office last year were re-elected, these being William A. Bahlke, Jotham Allen, James E. Mitchell, Dr. E. A. Bagley, D. L. Sharrar, George C. Parson and H. C. Moore.

Following the annual meeting the directors held a directors' meeting and re-elected the same officers, who are as follows: president, William A. Bahlke; vice president, Jotham Allen; cashier, H. C. Moore; assistant cashier, Karl R. Adams.

On Tuesday evening of this week, the stockholders of the First State Bank held their annual meeting at the bank, at which time it was brought out that the assets of the bank were nearly a million dollars. This last year over \$15,000 was paid as interest to depositors. The stockholders will receive a little over 7 per cent earnings on their stock for the past year.

The old directors of the bank were re-elected. They are L. A. Sharp, Francis King, Carl Washburn, P. M. Smith, J. G. Rhodes, C. O. Ward and Henry Soule. The meeting of the directors to elect officers has not yet been held, but it is expected that the same officers will be re-elected.

AUCTION SALES

James DeRushia, who will hold an auction sale at his farm, one mile east of Alma sugar plant, on Tuesday, January 16th, at which time his farm implements, horses, cows, etc., will be offered for sale. Sale starts at 10:00 a. m., with free lunch at noon. J. D. Helman, auctioneer.

Charles Havens, who will hold an auction at the farm, known as the E. M. Johnson farm, one-fourth mile north of Elwell, at which time J. D. Helman will auction off his farm goods and stock. Sale starts at 12:30 p. m.

C. F. Faunce.

On Monday, January 22nd, C. F. Faunce will hold an auction at his farm, one and one-half miles west and one-half mile north of Forest Hill, at which time his farm goods will be offered for sale. Sale starts at 10:00 a. m., with free lunch at noon. Ralph Drake, auctioneer.

ALMA MAN HAS GONE TO BANK

F. O. Parker, Assistant Post-
master is now Assistant
Cashier at Bank.

AT POST OFFICE TEN YEARS

Fine Record in Government's
Employ Brings Him a Much
Better Position.

Frank O. Parker, assistant postmaster for the city of Alma, has left the local post office, and taken a position as assistant cashier at the First State Bank of this city.

Mr. Parker was offered this position nearly two months ago by the officials and directors of the First State bank, and they have at last prevailed upon him to try out the position at least.

Mr. Parker has been a member of the post office force here for just a few months short of ten years and during this time has made an excellent record. Three years ago, when Ezra L. Smith resigned as assistant postmaster, to take a position with the Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, Mr. Parker was made the assistant postmaster. The record that he had made as a clerk in the seven previous years in the local post office was such that he was thoroughly entitled to the position as assistant postmaster. During the past three years, every report that he has made on the local office has come back with an O. K., showing just how thorough has been his work, when in the position of greater responsibility. His work as assistant postmaster finally attracted the officials of the bank, and when in need of a new man for a responsible position quickly decided that Mr. Parker was the man that they wanted.

Mr. Parker will not sever his connection with the local office at the present time, as he will assist at the post office to a more or less extent for some weeks yet.

FORMER ALMA PEOPLE WED

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Delavan had as their holiday guests their daughter, Miss Marjorie Delavan, of Boston and their son, Carolyn C. Delavan, of Missoula, Montana. The latter a graduate in 1914 of the forestry department, married Miss Etta E. Hearn of Benzon, on December 27th, and left with his bride for the headquarters of the Flathead National forest, at Missoula, stopping en route at Alma, Ann Arbor, Chicago and Virginia, Minnesota. For the next three months he will be doing investigation work in the forest service and will be located at Priest River Experiment station, Idaho—Ann Arbor News.

Miss Etta E. Hearn will be remembered as a former instructor in the Alma public schools. During the few years she was in Alma she gained many friends here. Mr. Delavan will be remembered as a former Alma high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Delavan, formerly of this city, but now of Ann Arbor. They have many friends here who extend congratulations.

VIOLATED OPTION LAW

Clyde Campbell was placed under arrest Monday night charged with violating the local option law. At his hearing on Tuesday he demanded further hearing, which is set for January 24th. His bail was placed at \$200.00, which was promptly furnished by J. F. Sartor and C. R. Brewer signing the bond. Two young men claim that Campbell gave them a drink on the night of December 30th. Campbell claims his ability to show his movements at the time in question and will fight the charge that has been placed against him.

SUES FOR \$25,000

Claims Damages Because of Alleged
Act of Farmer.

Harry A. Grandy, a farmer living near this city, has started suit, by declaration filed in circuit court, against John L. Campbell, a prominent and well to do Gratiot farmer, claiming damages of \$25,000.

Grandy alleges that Campbell has debauched his young daughter, and claims the above sum as damages for Campbell. Campbell, however, would make charges against Grandy some weeks ago, but has just lately started the suit against him. For a time an endeavor was made on the part of Grandy to secure a settlement from Campbell. Campbell, however, would not settle, and the suit was recently started by the filing of the declaration in circuit court.

Grandy has been renting a farm from Campbell, who had been rooming at the Grandy home until the case was started. His relations with Grandy's daughter during the time he was rooming at the Grandy home, are said to be the cause of the suit. James A. Greene has been retained by Grandy as his attorney and Attorney William A. Bahlke and John Mathews have been retained by Campbell.

DRIVER FOR ADAMS

EXPRESS CO. ARRESTED

Charge of Grand Larceny Lodged
Against Joseph Sanborn
Arrested Monday Night.

Joseph Sanborn, a driver for the Adams Express company here, is under arrest charged with grand larceny, it being alleged that the young man has taken goods consigned to the express company for delivery.

It is said that a youthful infatuation for a girl is the cause of the downfall of the young man, and that many of the goods, which were alleged to have been taken, found their way to the girl, against whom no complaint has been made in connection with the case.

Sanborn is said to have been working on an express wagon for the company here for about three months and that during this time many claims came to the company from various sources. Some of these claims were made by local business houses. Mr. Hall, the agent here for the Adams Express company, finally became convinced that Sanborn had something to do with the disappearance of the goods, and he caused a search warrant to be issued. Armed with his Deputy Wheeler and Marshals Rogers and Vibber, made a search and located some goods, which are believed to have been taken from the express company. Sanborn was at once arrested and at his hearing on Tuesday afternoon, on the advice of his attorney, William A. Bahlke, waived examination and was then bound over to circuit court. He did not furnish bail and is now in the county jail awaiting trial.

Among the things found by the officers in the search of the first of the week were silk dresses, waists, underclothing, gloves, hosiery, etc., valued at nearly a hundred dollars. Whether or not more goods will be later recovered from other sources cannot be told, as it is not even known to a certainty how much disappeared in this way.

Immediately the officers took Sanborn in charge and Agent Hall notified the company's Detroit and Chicago offices and a man was immediately sent here and has taken charge of the case. It will require considerable work, it is expected, to check up the claims that have been made and get the matter squared away.

Considerable sympathy has been expressed for Sanborn, who is not being considered as a man gone wrong, but rather as a boy who has simply made a mistake. If he is proven guilty of the charge against him, it is probable that efforts will be made to obtain a chance for the lad to make good.

ZOELLNER QUARTET

Famous Quartet Will Give Concert
Here January 25th.

A recent critic very aptly described the work of the Zoellner quartet when he stated that "they are the legitimate exponents of Chamber music in America, because they play the classics with the lofty dignity required by those masterpieces, because they are not afraid to produce a novelty by an unknown writer, and furthermore, they are still young enough in years to play a keen relish and a spontaneous spirits."

One New York critic, on the occasion of the Zoellner's second concert at Aeolian hall last season, pointed out that the rich old Hayden quartet had not had such a delightful reading in years as that given by the Zoellners, while another critic states that if they did nothing else than bring forth the charms and tuneful Dobyni quartet they were filling their place in the scheme of things musical. The Zoellner quartet is an organization that Americans can well feel proud of, for it seems certain that their names will be linked with the best traditions of American history.

The Zoellner quartet will appear at the Wright opera house January 25, 1917, under the auspices of Alma Lyceum Association.

WILL SUBMIT THE QUESTION

Resolutions Passed by Gratiot
Supervisors to Allow
a Vote.

VOTE ON NEW CITY LIMITS

Residents of Alma and Town-
ships Affected Will Decide
the Matter.

At the Thursday morning session of the January meeting of the Gratiot county supervisors held in Ithaca this morning, a resolution was passed, namely by them, to submit the question of the proposed new city limits of Alma to the voters of Alma and the townships adjacent which are interested in the matter.

The proposition which the supervisors have decided to submit to the voters of Alma and the adjacent interested townships will come up for a vote at the annual spring elections. Report from the county seat this noon was to the effect that the supervisors passed the resolution with little discussion, seeing apparently the need of the proposition going through, not only for the good of Alma, but for the good of the entire county, which it must of course, eventually benefit, if the hustling city of Alma continues the remarkable growth that has marked the passing of the last five years.

Most of the territory, which Alma is seeking to acquire, even now have seen considerable building, and the portions which have not yet seen any building are so located that there is every reason to believe that it will be but a short time before every bit of ground will be needed for building room.

WILL GIVE CONCERTS

Republic Band Will Give Two Con-
certs Next Week.

Before starting its tour of the automobile shows, the last of next week, the thirty-five-piece Republic band will give Alma people a chance to hear two concerts and pass upon the merits of this organization.

Concerts will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights of next week in the opera house. Following are the programs for the two nights:

- Wednesday Evening.
PART I.
Gloria (March) Losley
Hawaiian Selection Lake
Zampa Overture Herold
Humoresque Dvorak
Glorioso Montague
Carnet Solo—C. L. Jenkins.
Vocal Solo—"Romeo & Juliet"—
Miss Ida Quemer.
PART II.
Chicago Tribune March Chambers
"My Old Kentucky Home"
Baritone Solo—A. I. Tansey
Reading: "Prior to Miss Bell's Ap-
pearance"—Miss Ida Quemer.
Raymond Overture Thomas
Star Spangled Banner
Thursday Evening.
PART I.
Squealer (March) Huff
Bits of Remick Hits Laurendeau
Heart's Flowers Tobani
Bohemian Girl Tobani
Will O' the Wisp Spross
Vocal Solo—Miss Ida Quemer.
PART II.
Washington Grays (March)
Moana (Valse) Grafulla
Shadows Land Olsen
Xylophone Solo—Geo. Kenan.
Nanine (Fantasie) Marsel
Christine Solo—W. C. Croll.
Reading: "Old Maid's Warning"—
Ida Quemer.
Kangaroo Hop Morris
Star Spangled Banner

"REJUVENATION"

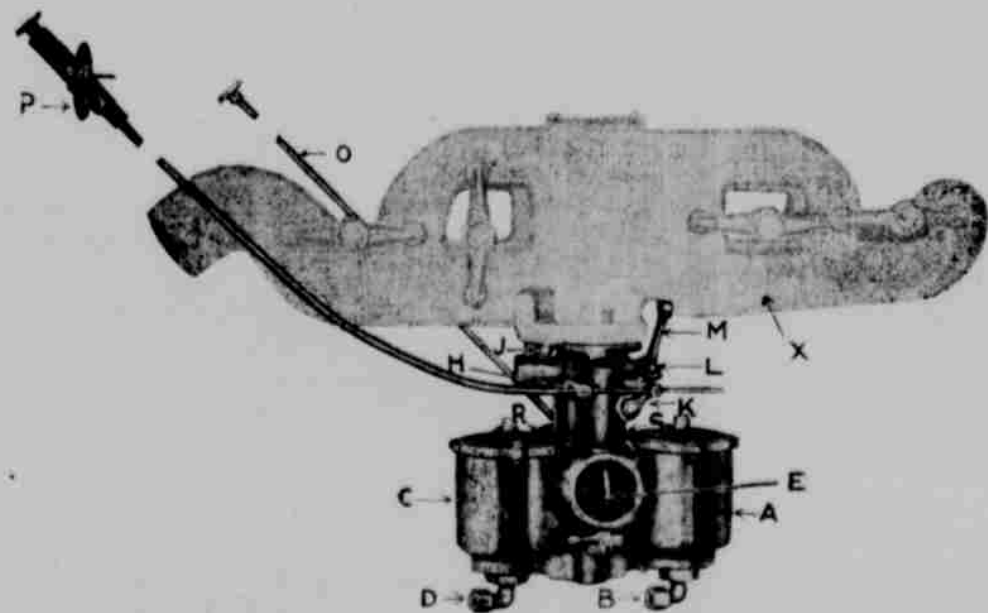
Play to be Presented Tonight as
Benefit for K. of P.

The Clara Vaughn Wales company of Iyecum players will appear at the opera house tonight in a play, entitled "Rejuvenation," for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias.

Clara Vaughn Wales needs no introduction to the public. She has appeared on Iyecum or chautauqua courses in 40 cities of the United States, has traveled extensively abroad and has made six trips across the continent, filling new and return engagements in such cities as New York, Chicago, Boston and Los Angeles. She has been acclaimed as one of the leading dramatic readers of the country, and associated with her in this company presenting the three-act comedy drama of Warner Harding, "Rejuvenation," she has a thoroughly professional cast. Each member of the company has played before either to New York or Chicago audience.

The play is enjoying an unusual popularity as the press and committee reports indicate. From the rise of the curtain wholesome comedy and tense dramatic situation hold the audience in their ever increasing interest in the plot. If you enjoy a well written play with plenty of bright, clean comedy, don't fail to see "Rejuvenation," at the opera house tonight.

THE WESTERN KEROSENE CARBURETOR



Ford model of the carburetor which will be manufactured in Alma for all makes of engine. It is a distinctive different type of carburetor which is fully covered by patents. It has two bowls and specially constructed manifold which delivers the mixture of kerosene and air to the engine as a dry hot gas. Several of the carburetors have been in operation in Alma for the past month and are giving entire satisfaction. Read other articles concerning this new Alma industry in this issue of the Record.